GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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NORMS FOR TOY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government ^as;rr?et upva- committee to frame safety standards compatible with the stringent norms applicable in Europe for the domestic toy industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the manufacturers have failed to comply with the norms of standards recently issued by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefdr; arid

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure compliance of! the said standards and production of toys whicVare not harmful for children?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) No Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)to (e): Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has formulated fpur Indian Standards prescribing safety requirements for toys relating to their mechanical and physical properties, ftammability requirements,maximum acceptable levels of certain elements and`electric toys.Three of these Indian Standards are technically equivalent to the firstthree parts; of EN-71 norms.Indian standards are voluntary in nature. Since BIS has not granted any Certification Licence for toys against these Indian Standards,it can not enforce them against manufacturers of toys.However, Ministry of Micro,Small and Medium Enterprises have set up facilities for testing of toys as per Indian Standards at its Testing Centres at New Delhi and Mumbai.